Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, America is witnessing a dramatic growth in the number of citizens 55 or older, a trend that will continue through the 21st century; and,

Whereas, As the population ages, older Americans will play an increasingly important role in our economy and America's leadership in the world marketplace; and,

Whereas, Americans age 55 or older are a dedicated and experienced core of our workforce. Their contributions to the nation, as paid workers and volunteers in both the private and public sectors, are immeasurable; and,

Whereas, By 2014, 41 percent of Americans age 55 or older will be employed, making up over 21 percent of the United States labor force; and,

Whereas, The people of South Dakota support the efforts of the Department of Labor and Regulation and Experience Works, and wish to continue those efforts to offer opportunities to the seniors in our communities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 22 – 28, 2013, as

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in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakotans to recognize that older workers rate high on characteristics such as judgment, commitment to quality, attendance, and punctuality. I urge public officials responsible for job placement, training, and related services to intensify their efforts throughout the year to help older South Dakotans to find suitable jobs and training.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State